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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Information on KVP Unit in Fuenfeichen

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. Between 10 and 12 October 1953, Major Kiesslich, previously commanding officer of the engineer battalion at Fuenfeichen, was replaced by Captain Fricke (fnu). The engineer battalion consisted of Sub-Unit Grabentin and Sub-Unit Krause and had a total strength of about 500 men. No training activities were observed. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen in the billeting area.

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2. On 24 September [REDACTED] Unit Fricke and Unit Muehle had returned. 25X1

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3. The afternoon of 3 October, [REDACTED] at Installation No 16, 3-axle trucks of which 9 were loaded with pontoons and others with planks and beams.

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[REDACTED] Captain Fricke was on leave [REDACTED] his deputy was Senior Lieutenant Winkler (fnu).

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4. On 12 October, the installation was inspected by a colonel who arrived from Pasewalk by sedan [REDACTED]. The colonel only inspected the quarters and buildings of the camp. The morning of 15 October, a colonel and two lieutenant colonels who wore caps with broad red ribbons arrived at the installation allegedly from Berlin. These officers inspected training activities at the camp. The afternoon of the same day, a general joined the group of the inspecting officers.

5. Between 6 and 16 October, the installation still quartered the two Engineer Units Fricke and Muehle. About two third of Unit Muehle were on leave on 16 October. The units were being trained in the handling of military bridge equipment; however, bridges were not built. No close order drill or field training was observed either. From 8 to 10 new pontoons and timber were piled up northeast of the motor vehicle garages. Some of the quartering buildings of the installation were provided with a new coat of green camouflage paint.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Information available on the engineer camp at Fuenfeichen is contradictory. It is an established fact that prior to the summer of 1953 the engineer battalions of Armeegruppe Nord and of Divisions Prenzlau and Eggesin had been stationed at Fuenfeichen. During the summer months elements of these units continuously rotated to Kuechensee, where they were being trained with heavy Soviet bridge equipment. It is believed that the engineer battalion of Armeegruppe Nord under the command of Captain Fricke, the successor to Major

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Kiesslich, and the engineer battalion of Bereitschaft Franzlau under the command of Captain Muehle, the successor of Captain Krause, are at present stationed at Fuenfeichen. There is a possibility that the engineer battalion of Bereitschaft Eggesin whose commanding officer is Senior Lieutenant or Captain Grabenthin, the successor to Captain Teller (KAI), was moved from Fuenfeichen to the Eggesin area.

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